

The Goose Creek Scenic River Advisory Committee

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Minutes of the March 10, 2010 Meeting

Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services Building

Mickey Gordon Room

215 Depot Court, Leesburg, Virginia 20175

Loudoun Members Present: Chairman Mark Peterson, Vice Chairman John Isom, Helen E. Casey, Anne D. Larson, Liaison to Catoctin Creek

Loudoun Members Absent: Joan Rokus (Proxy), Lynn Gibson (Proxy), Kurt Erickson, Benjamin Lawrence, Stephen Combs-Lafleur, Phil Daley,

Fauquier Member Present: Butter Strother, Chairman

County Staff Present: David Ward, Department of Building & Development; Brian Fuller, Recording Secretary, PRCS

Guests: None

Chairman's Business

Chairman Mark Peterson officially called the meeting to order at 1:14 p.m. after some initial discussion concerning Anne Larson's Scenic Rivers calendar (see below).

First order of business was to approve the January 13, 2010 minutes. Motion to approve minutes was made by John Isom and seconded by Helen Casey. The minutes were approved unanimously. The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, May 12th, at 1:00 p.m. in the Purcellville Room on the 1st Floor of the Loudoun County Government Building at 1 Harrison Street, Leesburg, Virginia.

Scenic Rivers of Loudoun County Calendar

Anne Larson presented her annual scenic river calendar, and this year it included historic and contemporary photos of both Goose and Catoctin Creeks. She mentioned that due to costs, limited copies of the calendar were originally made. She commented that many people nowadays may be more interested in a scrapbook of photos instead of a calendar.

Anne mentioned that her work on previous years' calendars won her a Loudoun History Award from Balch Library. She also announced that the annual Catoctin Creek photo contest will be held again at the Waterford Fair on October 1-3.

Chairman
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40th Anniversary of Scenic Rivers Program

Chairman Peterson stated that he had spoken with Lynn Crump of DCR, and that she was planning 3 events for the kickoff of the anniversary in the Richmond area, but that the dates were not yet scheduled, but that one event would most likely occur on Earth Day, Saturday, April 24th. Ms. Crump was seeking input on other statewide events to promote. John Isom mentioned that Keep Loudoun Beautiful (KLB) was holding their annual Goose Creek canoe cleanup day on April 24th as well, from the Route 50 bridge to the Route 626 bridge, near Middleburg. More information on the event could be found on the KLB cleanup could be found on their Website, at <http://www.keeploudounbeautiful.org/KLBcanoe.html>. The Boy Scouts will be assisting in an annual cleanup of Catocin Creek in April as well.

Other potential partnership celebration dates in Loudoun County included Loudoun Earth Day at Broadlands on April 25th, Family Stream Day at the Loudoun Water Facility in October, and Potomac River Ranger Day in Lucketts in November.

Chairman Peterson said that he would work with Lynn Crump further to see if she could attend the May 12th Committee Meeting, and bring the traveling Scenic River Program photo boards with her for display in the lobby of the County Government Center. It was also decided that the May 12th meeting would be the annual joint meeting with the Fauquier Committee.

Committee Business

Chairman Peterson reported that a contingent of the Committee met in late January to assess the large culvert pipes that appear to be trashed in Goose Creek, between the Route 7 and Riverside Parkway bridges. It appeared on the trip that the pipes are extremely large, and it would be hard to bring in equipment to move them without major disturbance to land or water. It was decided that the Committee would continue to monitor them, and reassess the situation after the spring floods.

Anne Larson offered to represent the Committee at the Loudoun Earth Day Celebration at Broadlands on April 25th.

Helen Casey recommended that the Committee needed to consider revising the GCSRAC official brochure for distribution at upcoming public events. While the flyer mailing was updated and redistributed two years ago, the brochure has not been updated since the Board was restructured as a Committee.

David Ward announced that the Goose Creek Association will be holding their annual meeting on March 24th in Middleburg.

David Ward announced that DCR is promoting a new "Healthy Waters" program. More information may be found on their Website at http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/soil_and_water/healthy_waters/index.shtml.

There being no further Committee business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian G. Fuller, PRCS

